

1 SENATE BILL NO. 87

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REMOVING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S
5 AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS UNDER THE VERTEBRATE PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM; AMENDING
6 SECTION 80-7-1102, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 **Section 1.** Section 80-7-1102, MCA, is amended to read:11 **"80-7-1102. Expenditures authorized.** The department may make expenditures to:12 (1) purchase equipment, materials, supplies, and personal services ~~which~~ that are necessary to execute
13 the functions imposed on it by this part;14 (2) obtain data on vertebrate pesticide registration and research information on alternative vertebrate
15 pest management techniques;

16 (3) conduct research or evaluation studies;

17 (4) ~~make grants to or~~ enter contracts with individuals, universities, other states, state or federal
18 agencies, or other entities it considers appropriate to conduct vertebrate pest management projects;19 (5) maintain and support registration of current rodenticides such as compound 1080, strychnine, and
20 zinc phosphide;

21 (6) seek registration of alternative rodenticides;

22 (7) develop and implement new vertebrate pest management methods and crop damage assessment
23 techniques;

24 (8) support vertebrate pest management research and evaluation projects;

25 (9) educate the agricultural community regarding vertebrate pest management problems and needs;

26 (10) educate the general public regarding vertebrate pest concerns and the need for vertebrate pest
27 management; and

28 (11) perform any other related activities."

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30 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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